



SENIOR STAFF MEETING

AGENDA

Director's Conference Room  
Second Floor  
Administration Building  
Monday, 2 June 1958

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Report of His Trip

Colonel White

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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT : Senior Staff Meeting

1. This will confirm my oral suggestion made to [REDACTED] some time ago regarding the CIA History. This is not a matter on which I have any special plan to make, but one on which I believe the group should be briefed by responsible parties. In short, can we get clarification on:

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The status of the CIA History?

Where the program is headed and why?

What can and should we as individual operating officials be doing in support of the program?

2. These questions come to mind because it seems to me that little is done currently to record accurately the "why" of changes in our organization and in the community. Some of these changes have come about as a result of the revision of NSCIDs and DCIDs, for example. It is a simple matter for people involved to cooperate with historians while recollections are yet clearly in mind. As time passes, recollections dim and indeed in many cases the people most directly involved are no longer available at all.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Minutes of the June Senigo Staff Meeting

1. Mr. Dulles opened the meeting and informed the group of his recent visit to the House Appropriations Committee regarding our budget and stated that he was very hopeful of the Agency faring out very well insofar as budgetary matters were concerned. He stated that the Committee posed a number of questions such as, what are we doing and what is going on in the world from the intelligence point of view. The Committee made inquiry as to the overall cost of intelligence and also the entire cost of intelligence Government-wide. As to the latter, cost figures have been obtained from other Government agencies and a total cost has been prepared and sent to the Committee.

2. Mr. Wisner gave a report on the problems in Latin America with emphasis on the recent trip of the Vice President. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Mr. Wisner advised that a lesson was learned as result of the Vice President's trip, namely, that different procedures should be instituted here in the Agency and such briefings be fully coordinated with DDP.

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3. Colonel White gave his report on the recent European trip and advised that he visited [REDACTED] in the EE, WE, SE and NEA areas. The purpose of the trip was to acquaint himself more thoroughly with the personnel of the station and their local problems and his trip was not for the purpose of an inspection. Colonel White advised that he found the morale high in all the areas visited and felt that the personnel were of a very high calibre and a devoted group. He stated that the relationship with the services was very good and he found the housing in all the areas quite adequate as result of a spot inspection of the housing. In regards to fiscal matters,

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he found no difficulty with delinquent accounts although the property situation was not as well off as he thought it should have been. In regards to the latter, he did find the inventory of property accurate, but he observed in some instances that property was not being taken care of in the manner that it should have been. He informed the ~~ADVISED~~ group of a problem in the clerical field and felt that clerical personnel had been cut too much in the Field as in some instances he found staff personnel doing part-time typing. Some of the stations were very dependent on contract assistance furnished by the wives. There was much interest displayed in the language program in most of the areas visited. In regards to the Career Service, Colonel White stated that most of the personnel appeared to have a "tongue in cheek attitude" although he felt that we were in much better shape now than we had been previously. He thought that there was a real need for retirement benefits for the Career Service members in order to give the Career Service an advantage over non-Career Service.

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